GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3971
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
PROPOSAL FOR THE CALICUT AIRPORT
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA;K. MURALEEDHARAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an overwhelming number (nearly 80%) of those who go on Haj pilgrimage from Kerala are from the areas of the Calicut airport, namely, Calicut, Malappuram, Kannur, etc;

(b) if so, whether Calicut airport has facilities for the Haj pilgrims in its vicinity as Haj House/ Musafirkhanna;

(c) whether the Government would consider operating of Haj flights from Calicut airport; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b): Yes, Sir. The Kerala State Haj Committee had built a Haj House near Calicut Airport.

(c) and (d): Though Air India has received a request for operating Haj flights from calicutfrom the Central Haj Committee in September,2000 but by that time, the tender procedure had already been commenced and embarkation points for upliftment of haj pilgrims for Haj-2001 were decided. However, haj pilgrims from Calicut area can avail haj flights from Cochin airport which is also emabarkation point for haj-2001.